

**Amendment No. 1 to SB2251**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2251\***

**House Bill No. 2887**

by deleting the amendatory language of Section 1(a) and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Every cooperative has the power and is authorized, acting through its board of directors, to acquire, construct, own, improve, operate, lease, maintain, sell, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of any system, plant or equipment for the provision of telephone, telegraph, telecommunications services, or any other like system, plant, or equipment within and/or without the service area of such cooperative in compliance with title 65, chapters 4 and 5, and all other applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations. Notwithstanding § 65-4-101(a)(5) or any other provision of this code or of any private act to the contrary, to the extent that any cooperative provides any of the services authorized by this section, such cooperative shall be subject to regulation by the Tennessee regulatory authority in the same manner and to the same extent as other certificated providers of telecommunications services, including, without limitation, rules or orders governing anti-competitive practices, and shall be considered as and have the duties of a public utility, as defined in § 65-4-101, but only to the extent necessary to effect such regulation and only with respect to such cooperative's provision of telephone, telegraph and communication services.